Jute development in AP

2506. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central grants are being released to Andhra Pradesh, under the Government's Special Jute Development Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the results achieved in production of Jute in the State during the said period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The Central Grants under Special Jute Development Programme (SJDP) has been released to Government of Andhra Pradesh upto 2000-01 for the development of Mesta. However, since October 2000, the SJDP has been subsumed under Macro-Management Mode of Agriculture along with other 26 schemes to give more flexibility to States and implement the programmes on the basis of State's priorities and requirements. Funds are allocated and released to States in lump sum for Macro-Management Mode of Agriculture and not provided on the basis of individual crop.

The year-wise position regarding release of funds to the Government of Andhra Pradesh under SJDP are as under:

Year	Release (Rs. in Lakh)
1999-2000	23.4
2000-2001	9.00 (upto September 2000)
2001-2002	Subsumed under Macro-Management

(c) Since the scheme provided funds for the development of Mesta, Question does not arise.

Expansion of NAIS

2507. SHRI SUNIL SHASTRI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand the reach of National Agriculture Insurance Scheme, introduced few years back;